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PARTHENIA,
OR
THE MAYDEN-HEAD
Of the first Musick that ever was printed for the VIRGINALS.

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By three famous Masters: *William Byrd*, Dr *John Bull*, and *Orlando Gibbons*, Gentlemen of his Majesties Chappell.

Dedicated to all the Masters and Lovers of Musick.

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Cum Privilegio.

Mr: Hugh Holland

On his worthy frend W:H:
& his Triumuiri of Musicke.

List to that sweete Recorder;
How daintily this BYRD his notes doth vary,
As if he were the Nightingalls owne brother!
Loe, where doth pace in order
A brauer BULL, then did Europa cary:
Nay let all Europe showe me such an other.
Orlando though was counted Musicks fath^r;
Yet this ORLANDO parallels di Lasso:
Whose triple praise would tire a very Tasso.
The heere in one these three men heare y^u rather
And praise thaire songes: & sing his praise who maried
Those notes so well wch they so sweetely varied.

Mr: Geo: Chapman

In worthye loue of this new worck,
and the most Autenticall Auctbors.

By theis choice lessons of theise Musique Mast^r;
Ancient, and heightn'd wth ye Arts full Bowles
Let all ou^r moderne, mere Phantastique Tasters,
(Whose Art but forreigne Noueltie extolls)
Rule and confine theyr fancies; and prefer
The constāt right, & depthe Art should Cpduce;
To all lite flashes, by whose light they err;
This wittie Age, hath wisedome least in vse;
The World, ould growing, Ould, wth it, grow Men;
Theyr skylls decaying, like theyr bodies streng^the;
Yonge Men, to oulde are now but Childeren:
First Rules of Art, encrease still wth theyr leng^the.
Which see in this new worck, yet neuer seene:
Art, y^e more oulde, growes eu^r y^e more greene.

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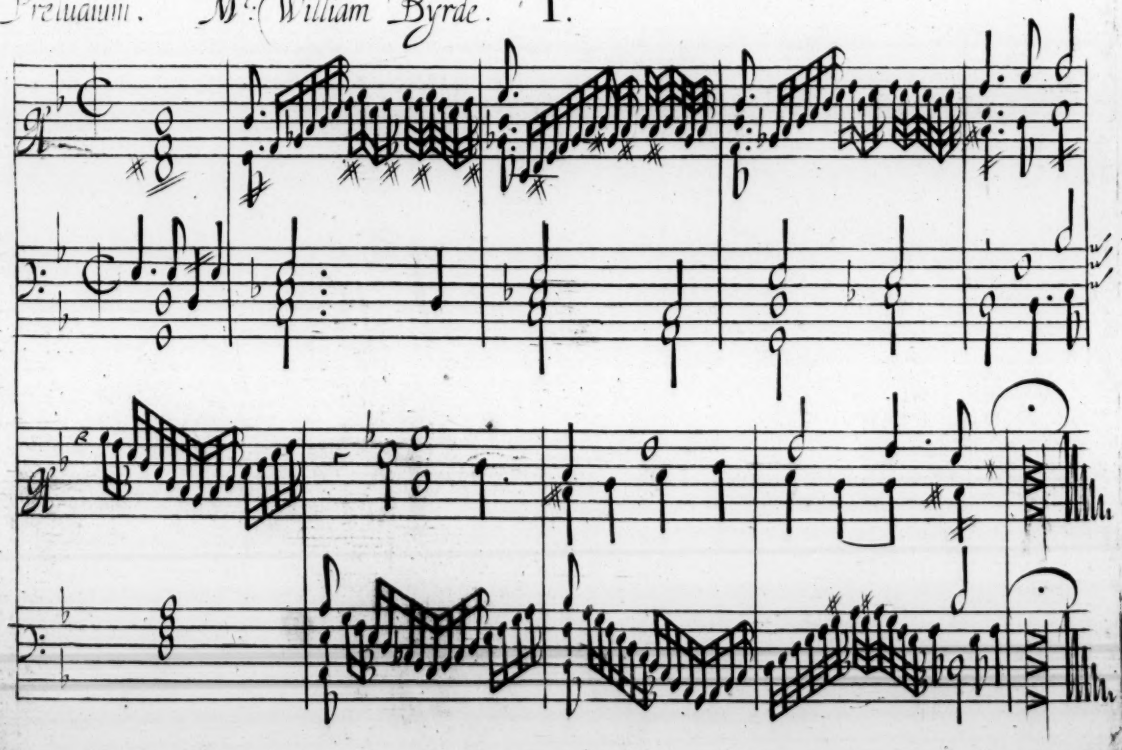

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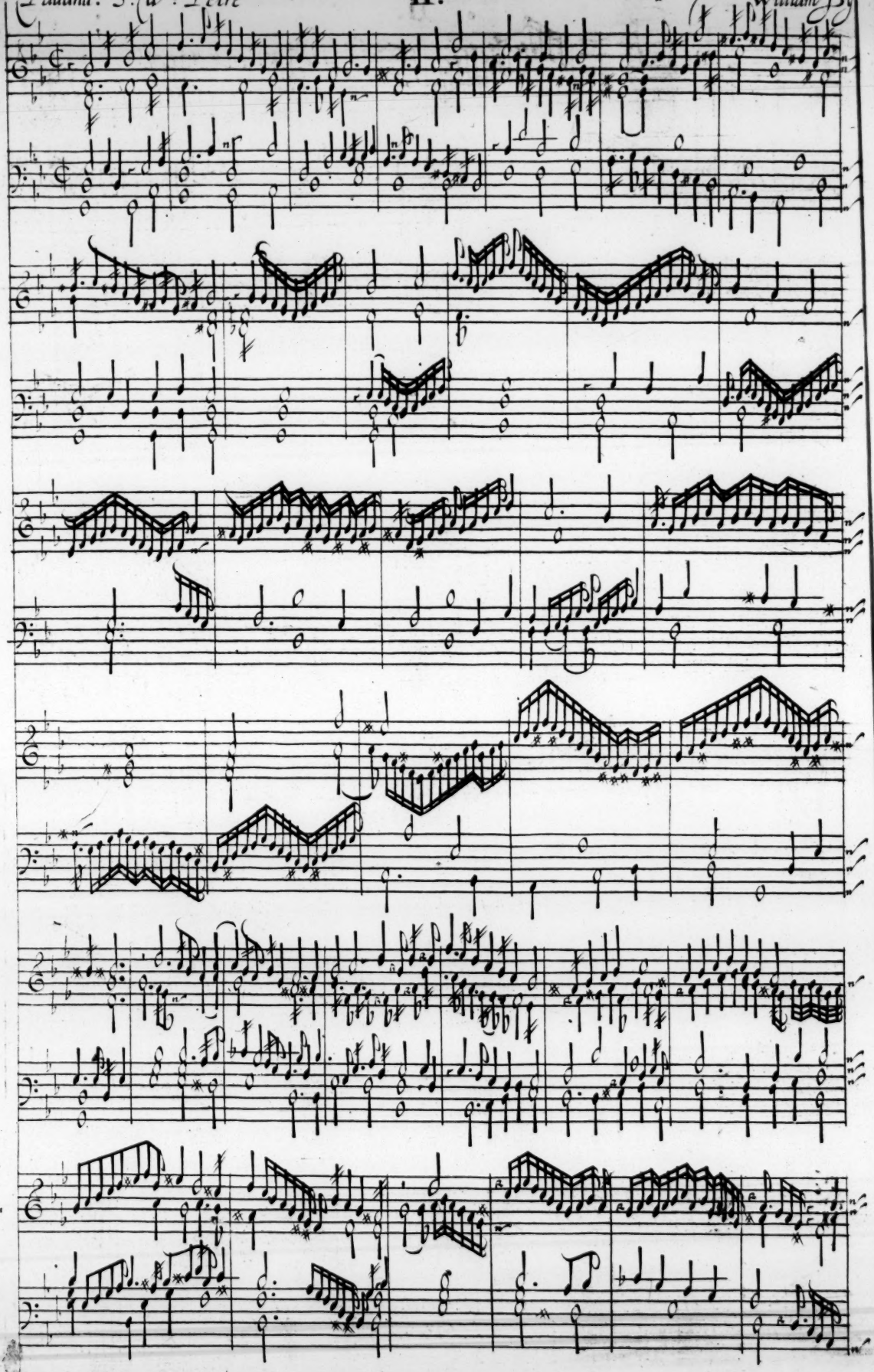

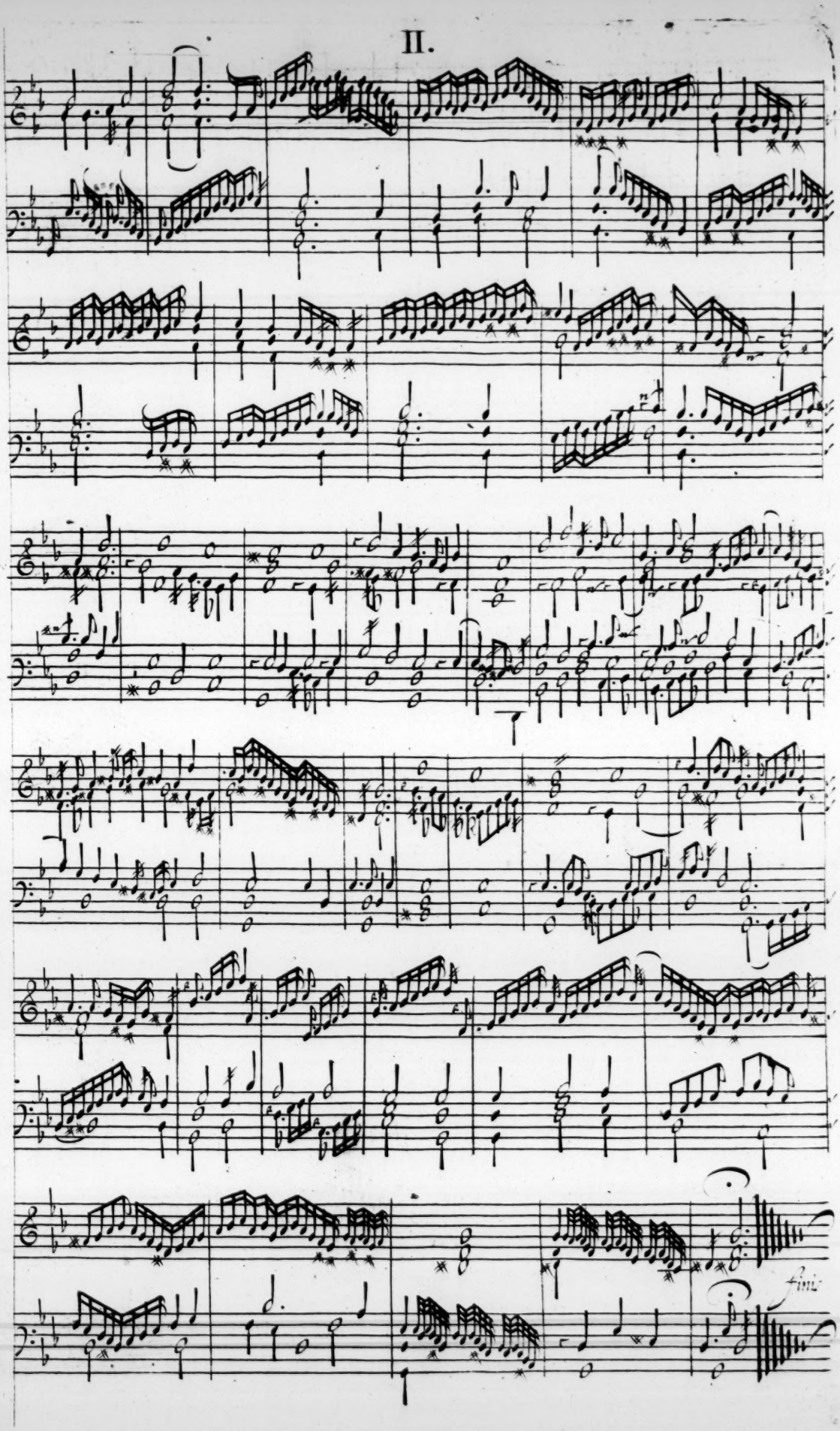
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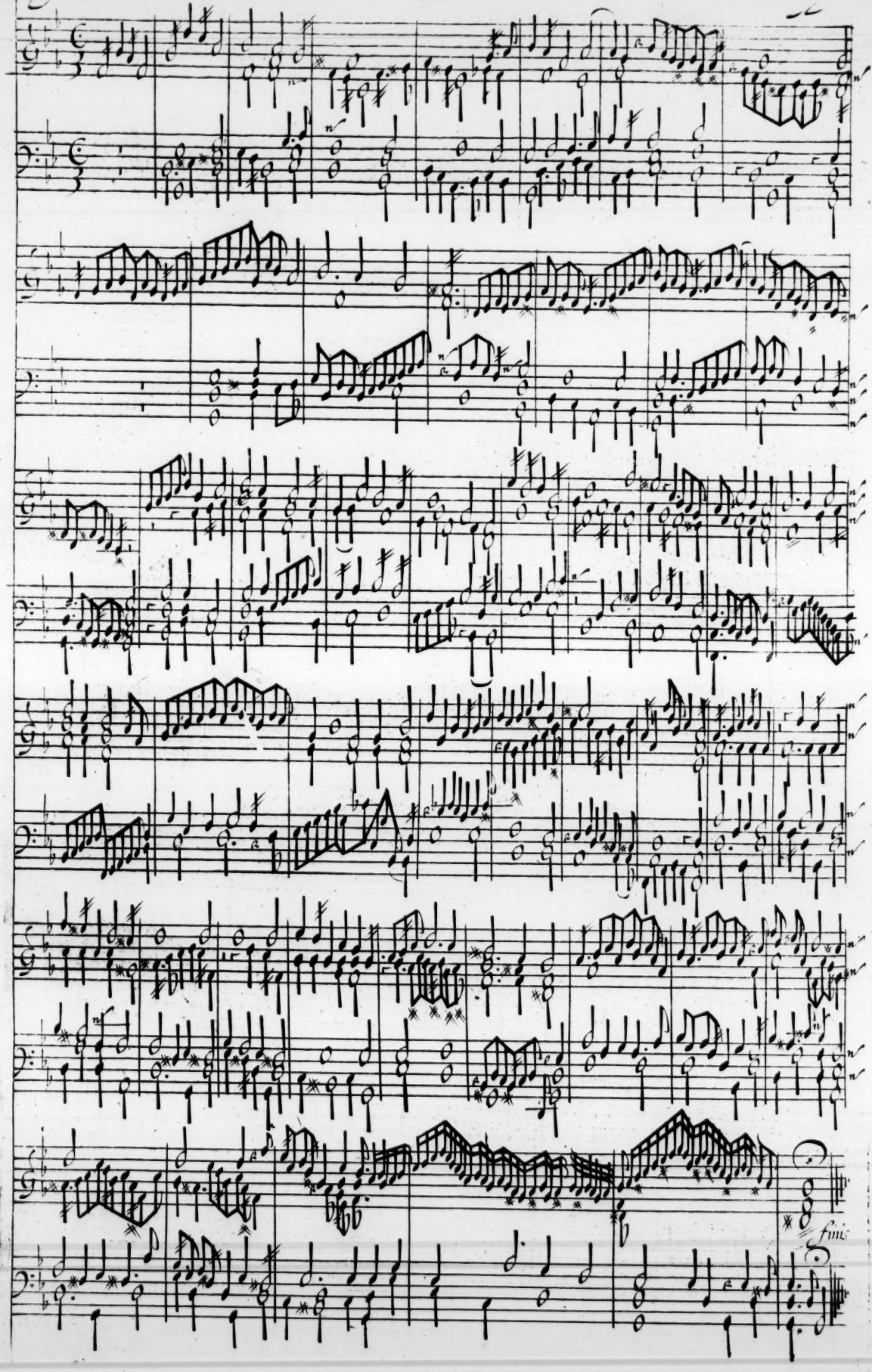

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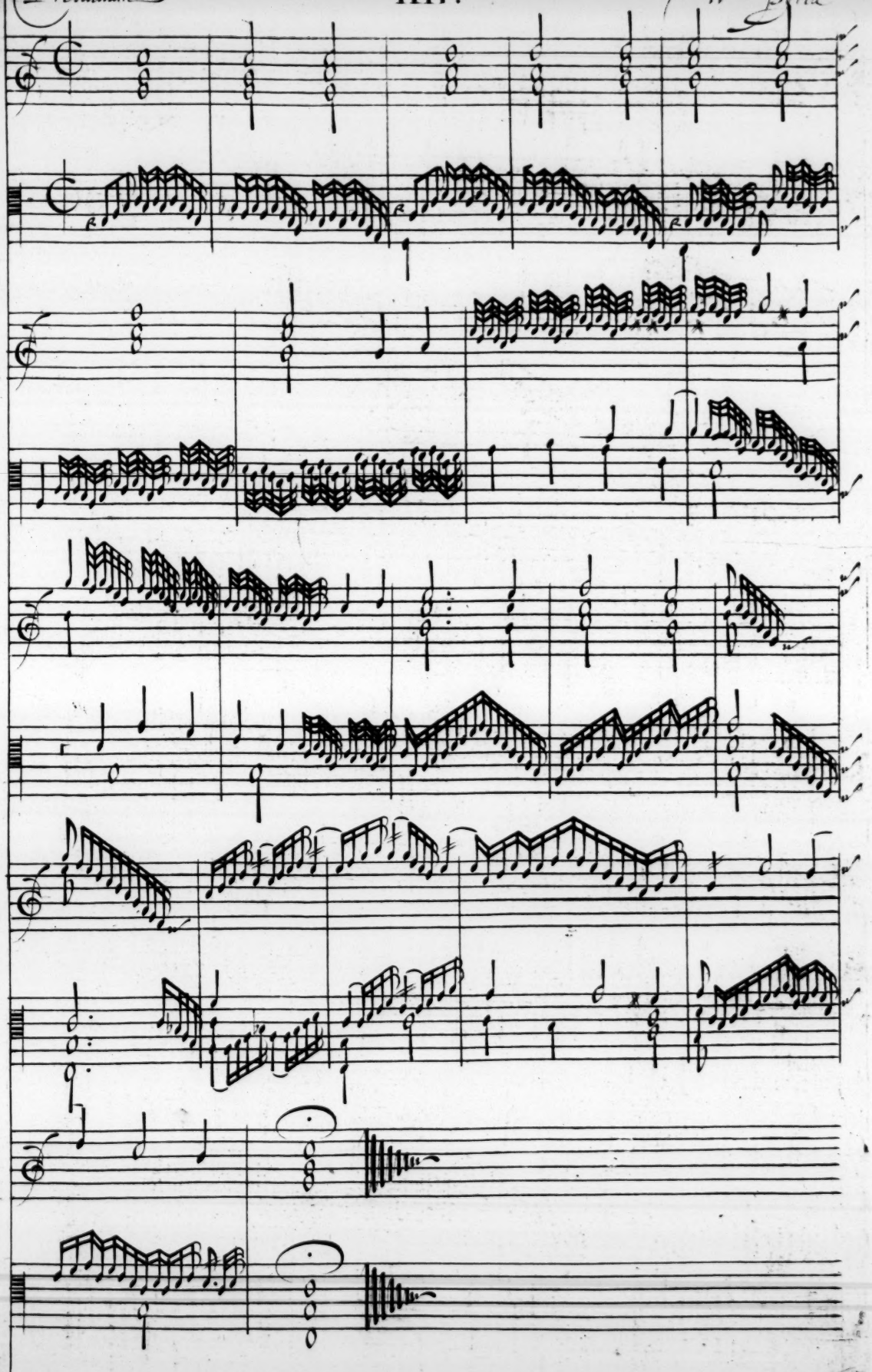

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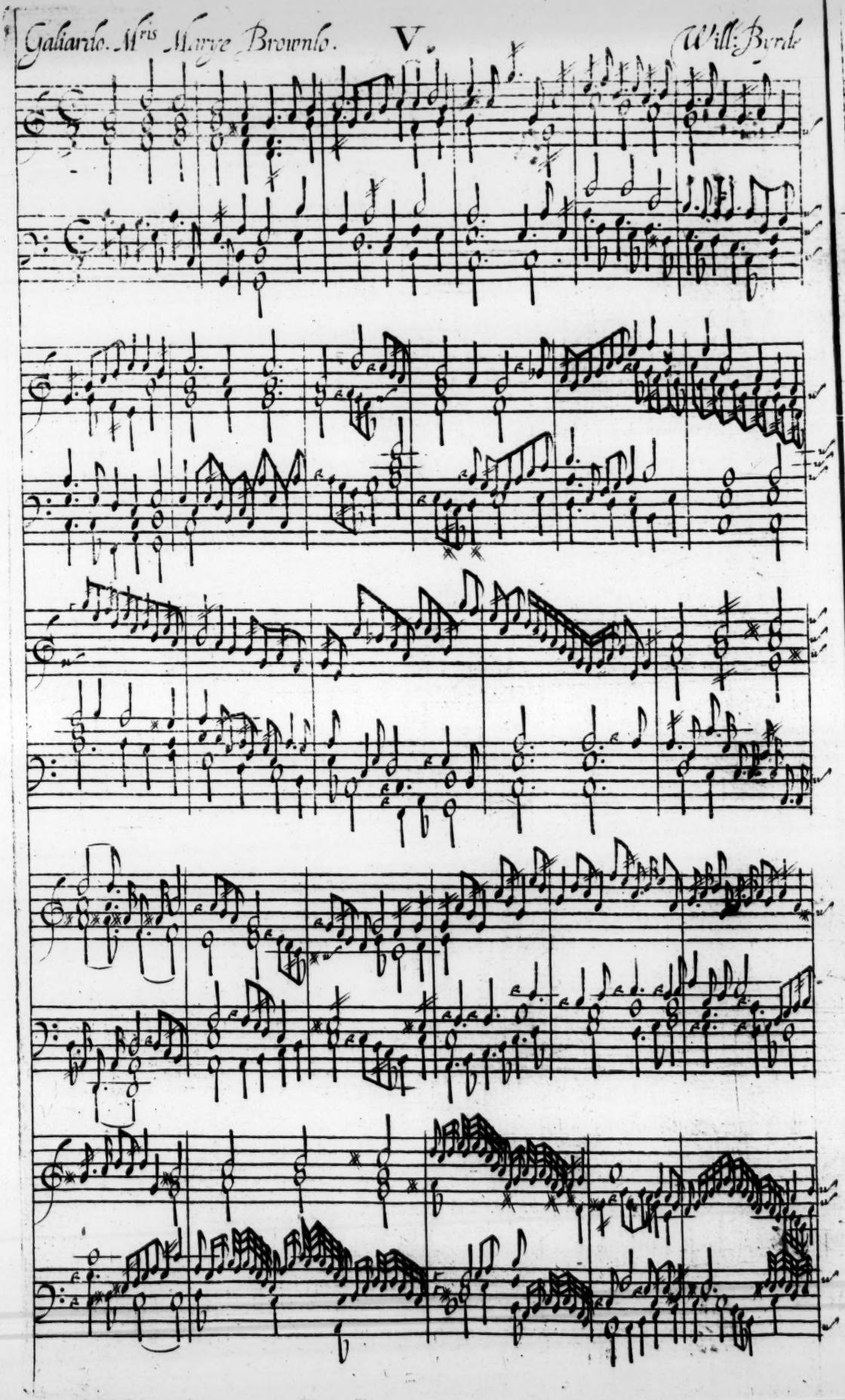

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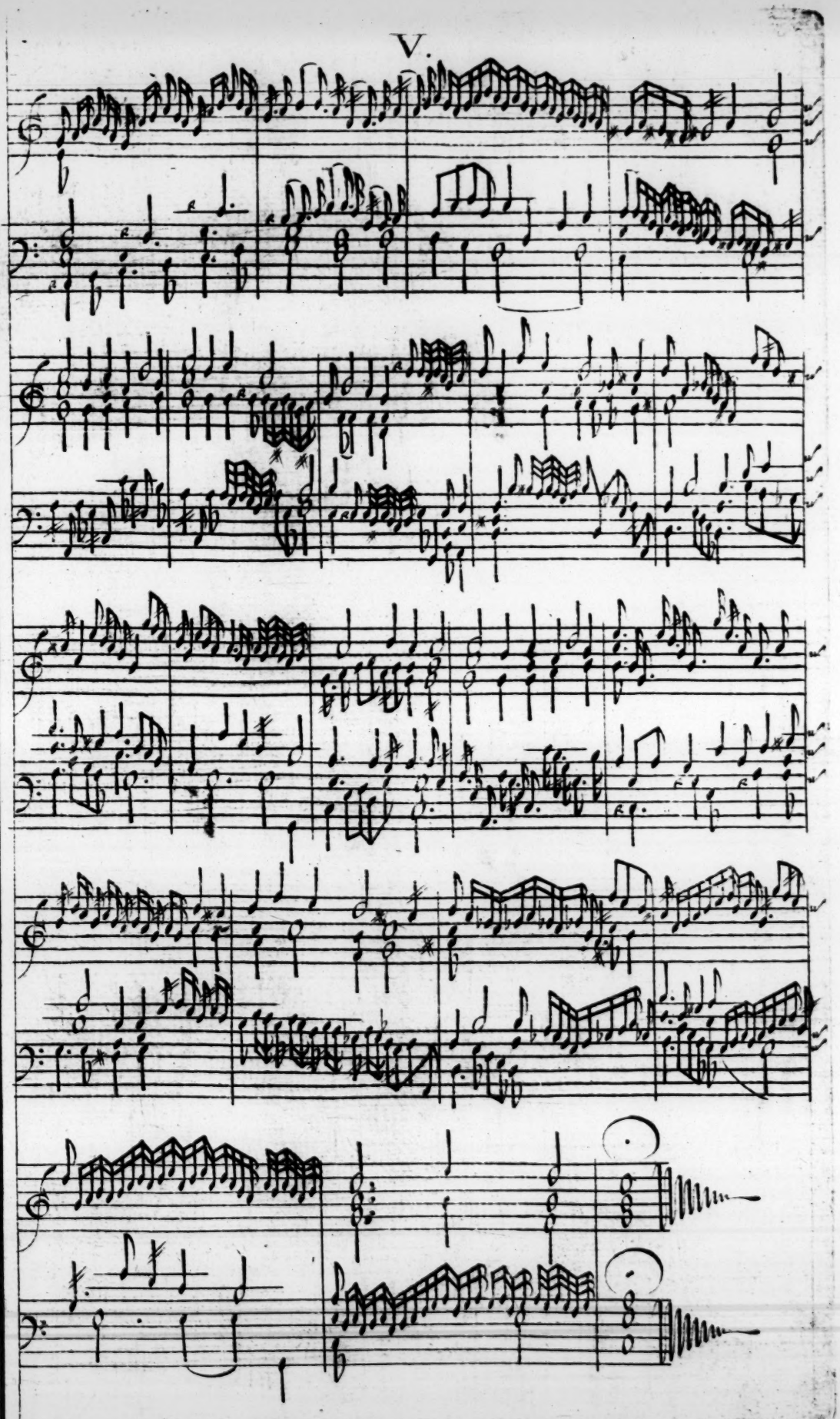

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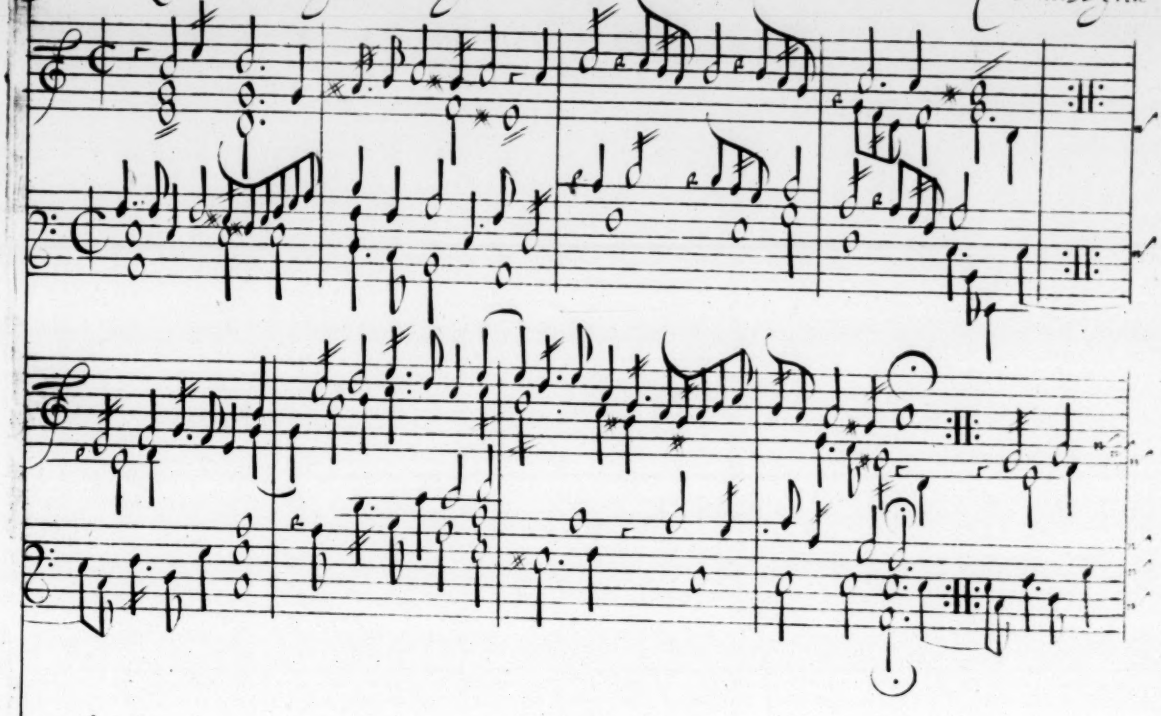

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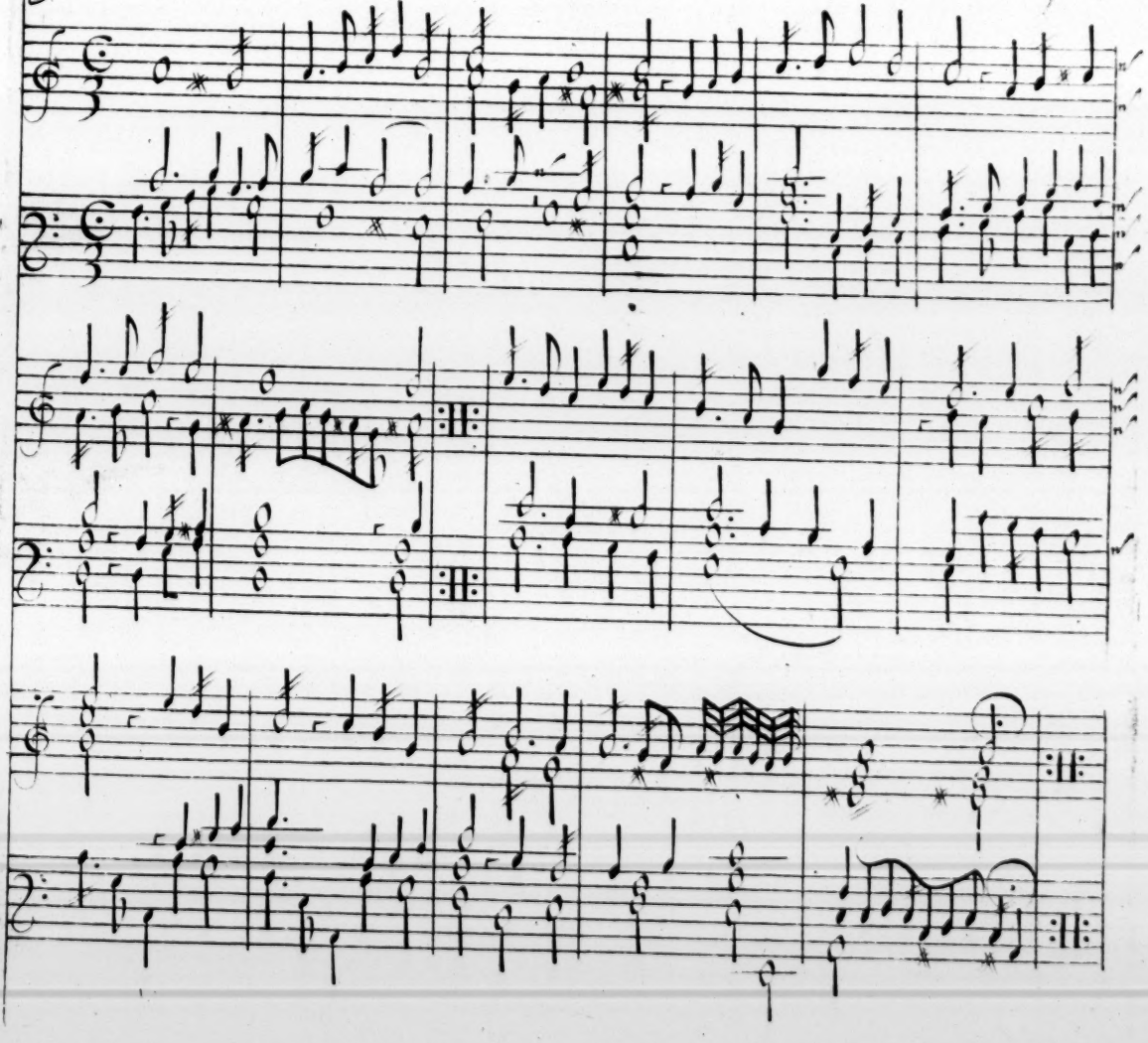

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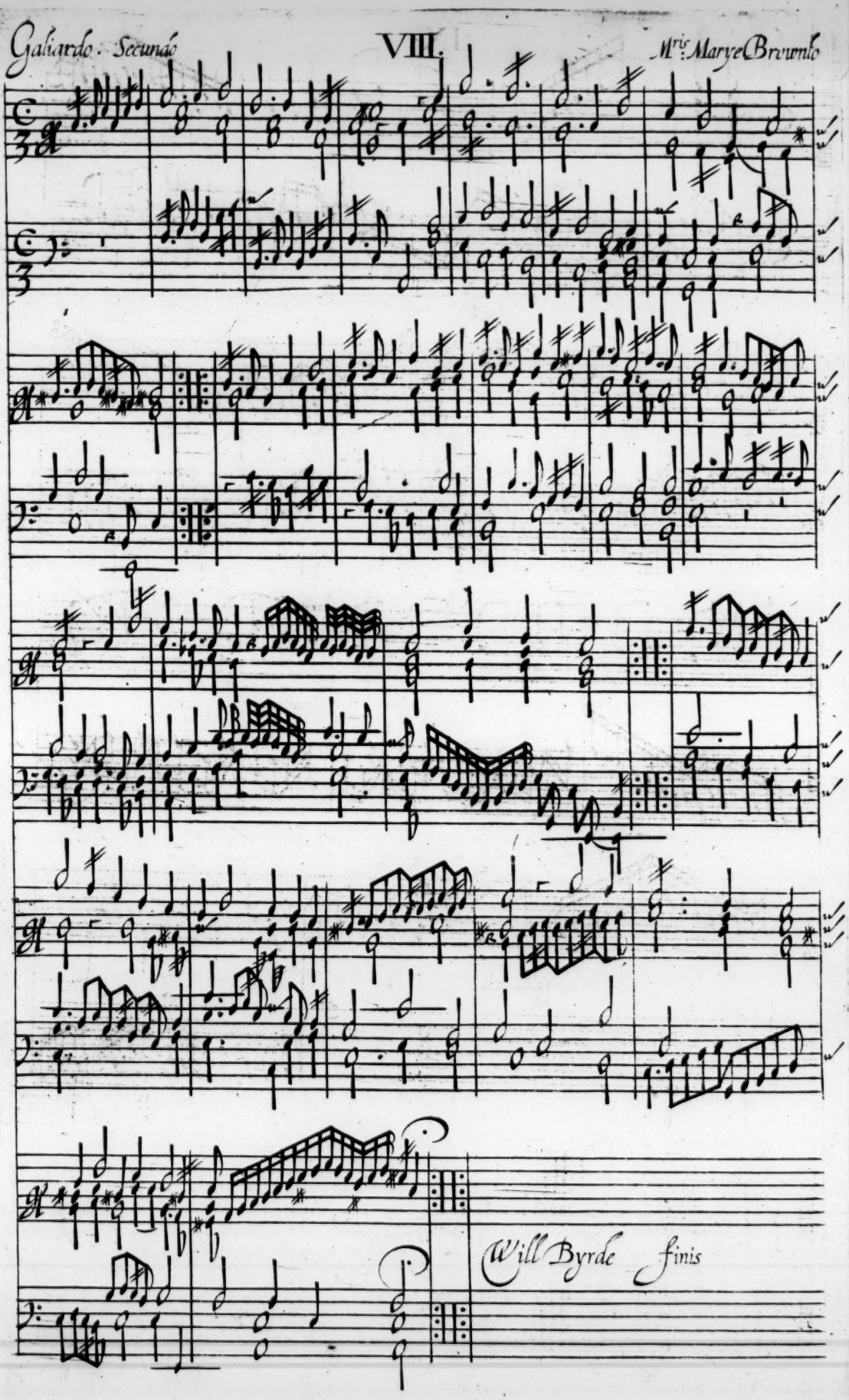

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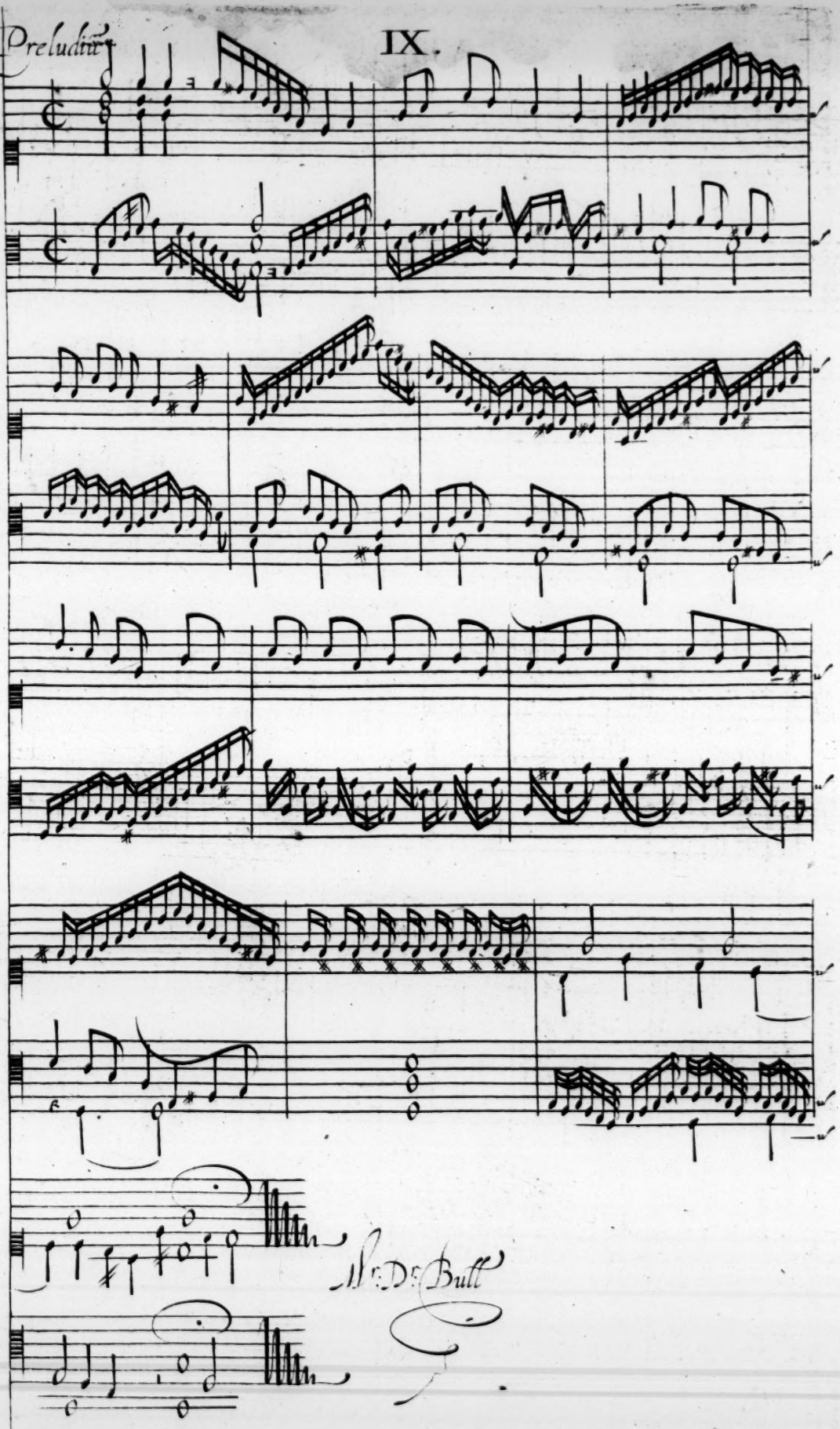

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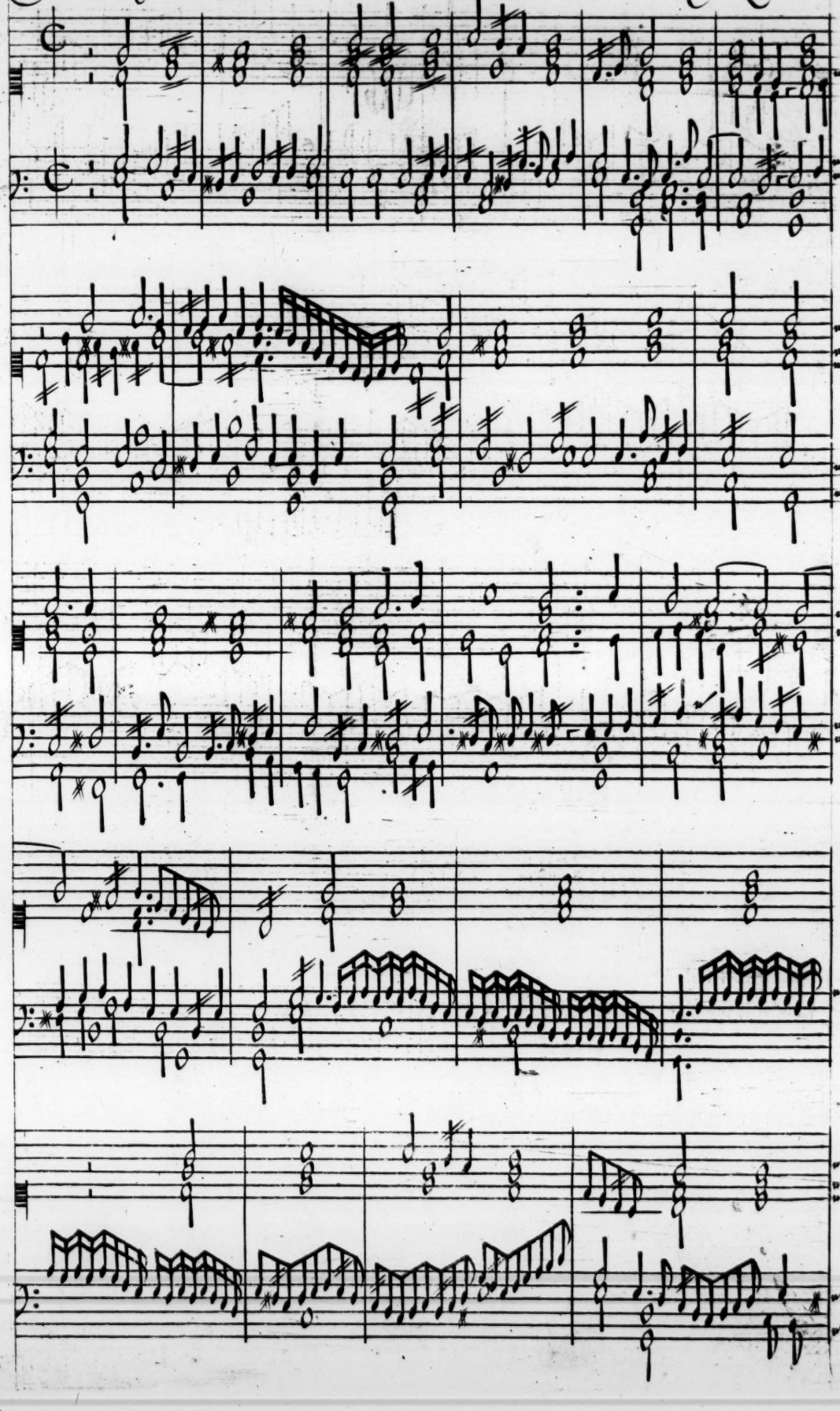

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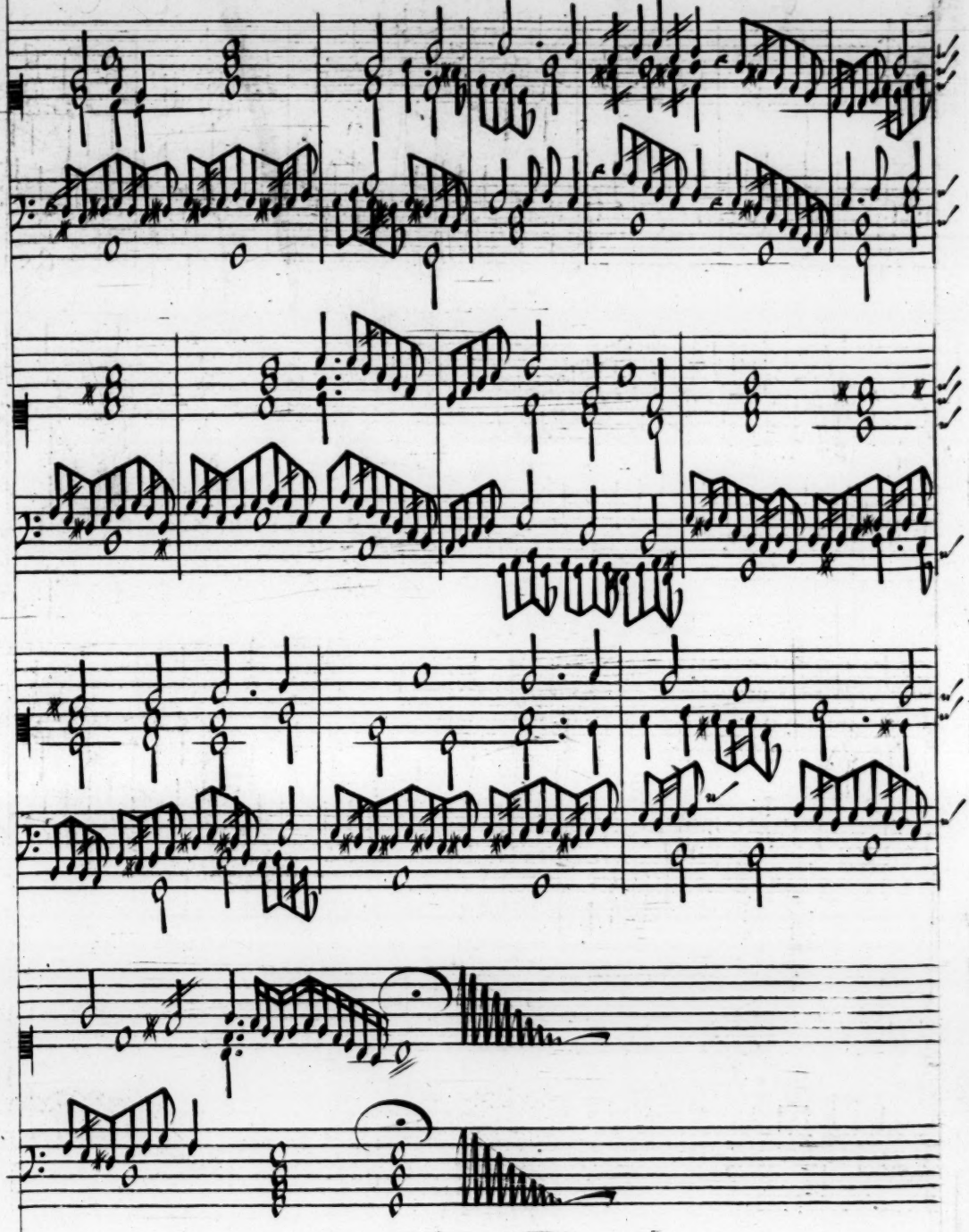

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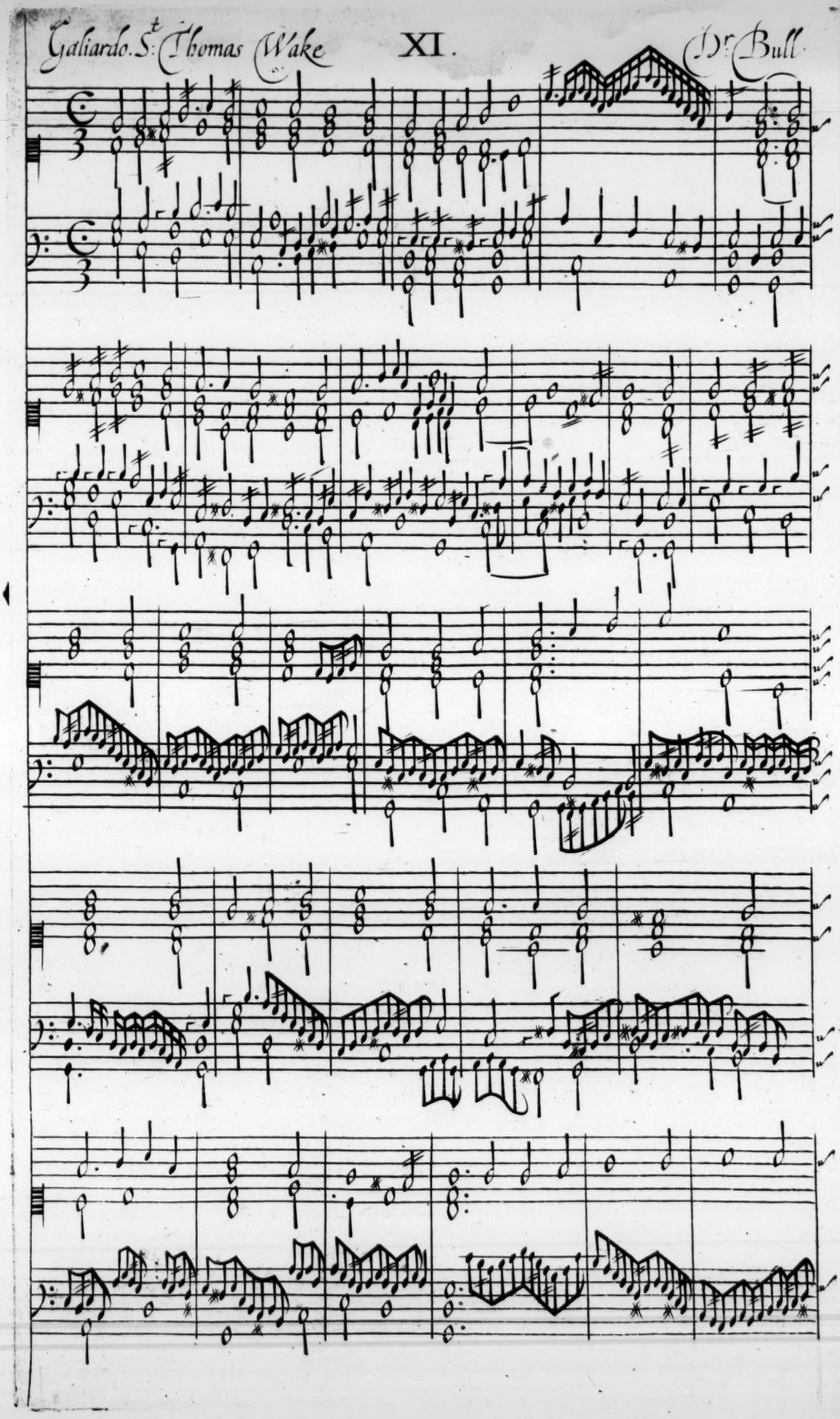

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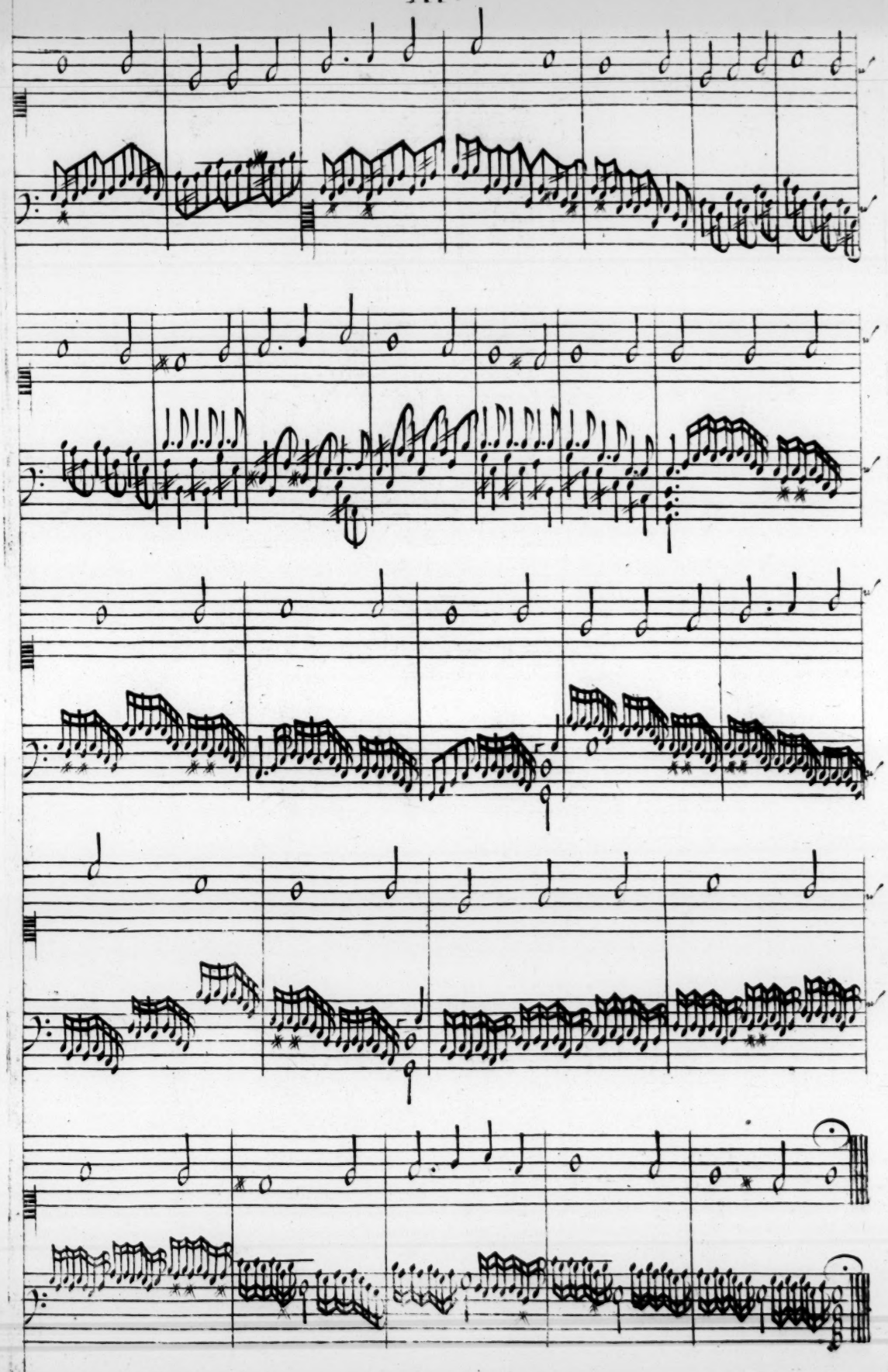

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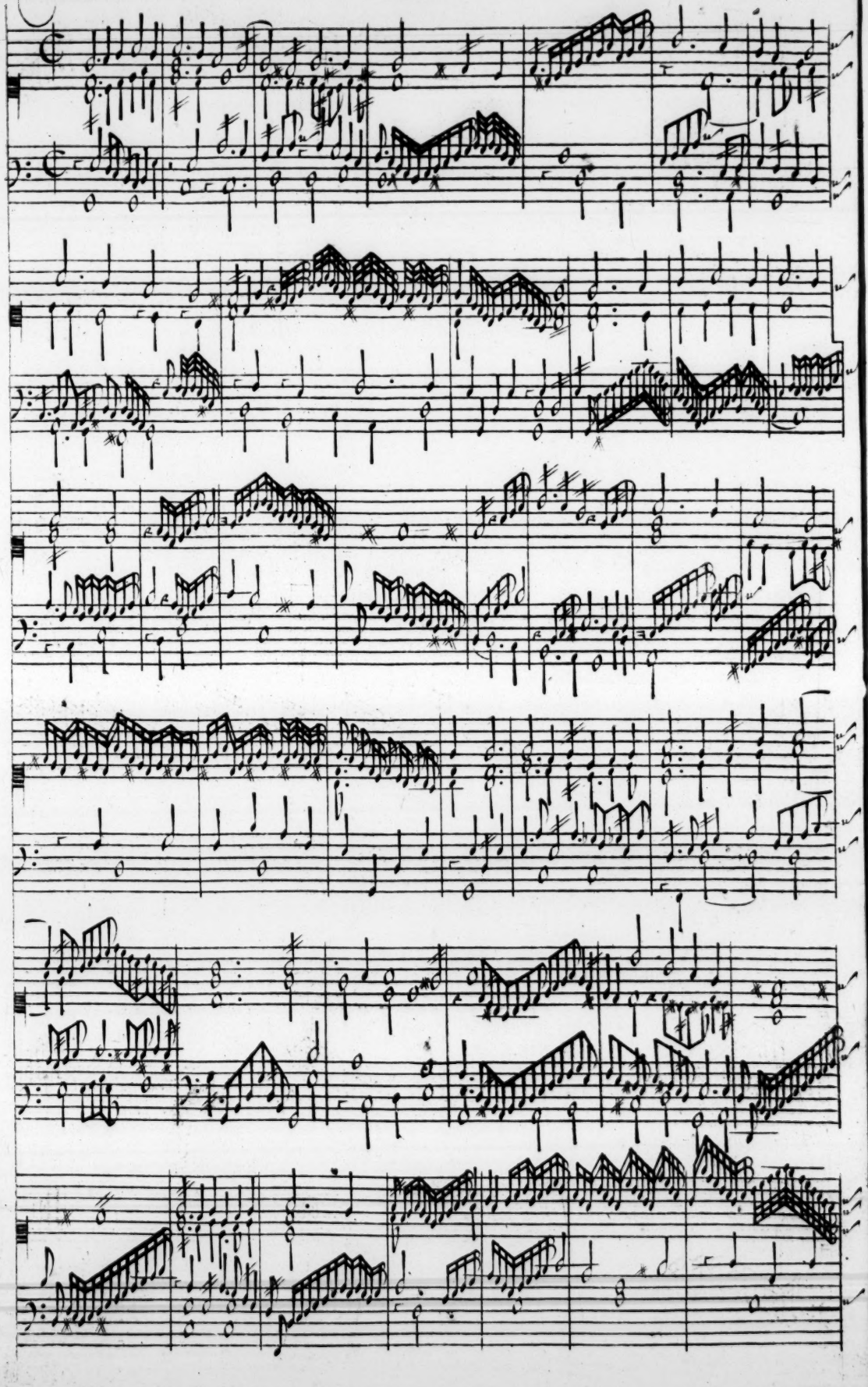

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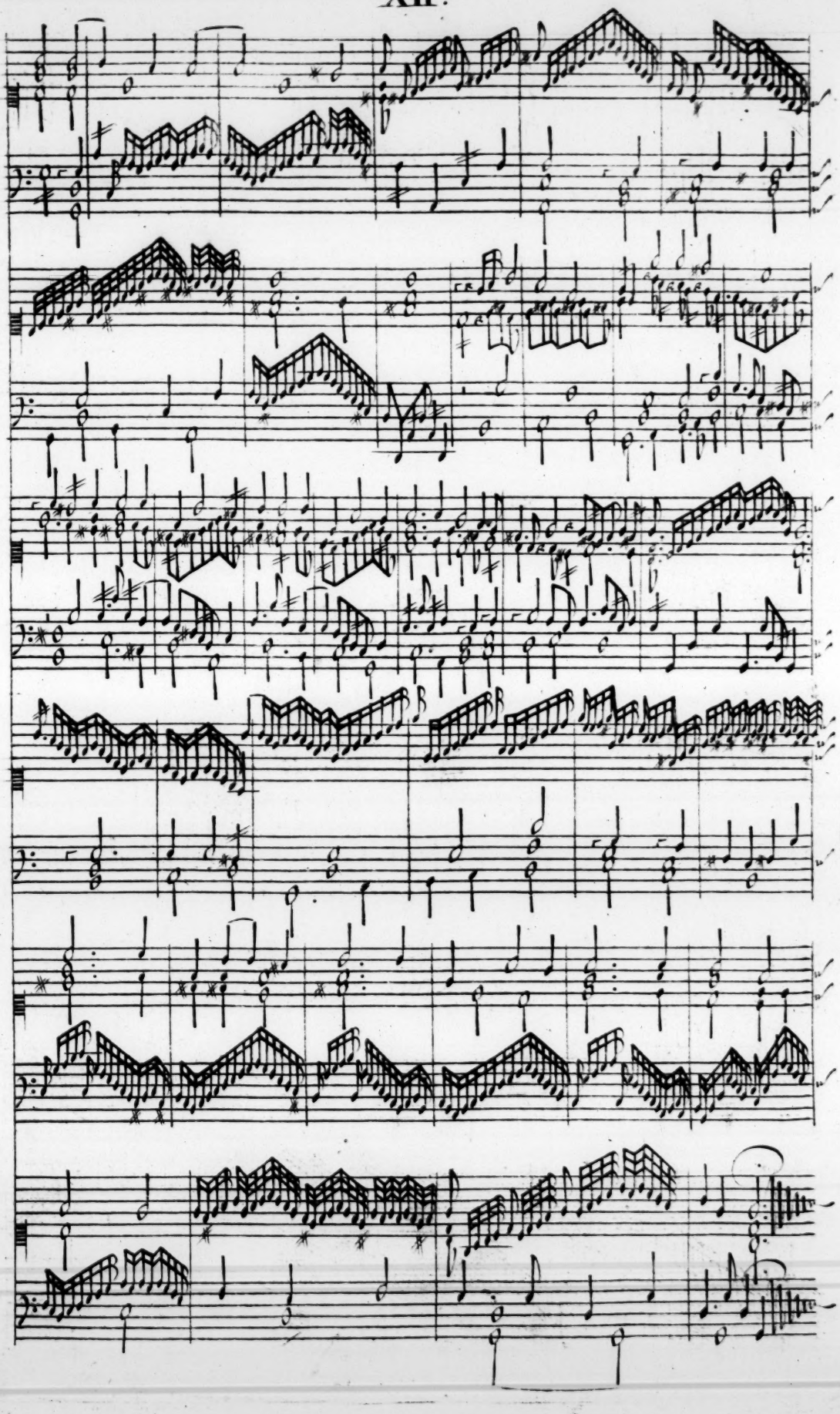

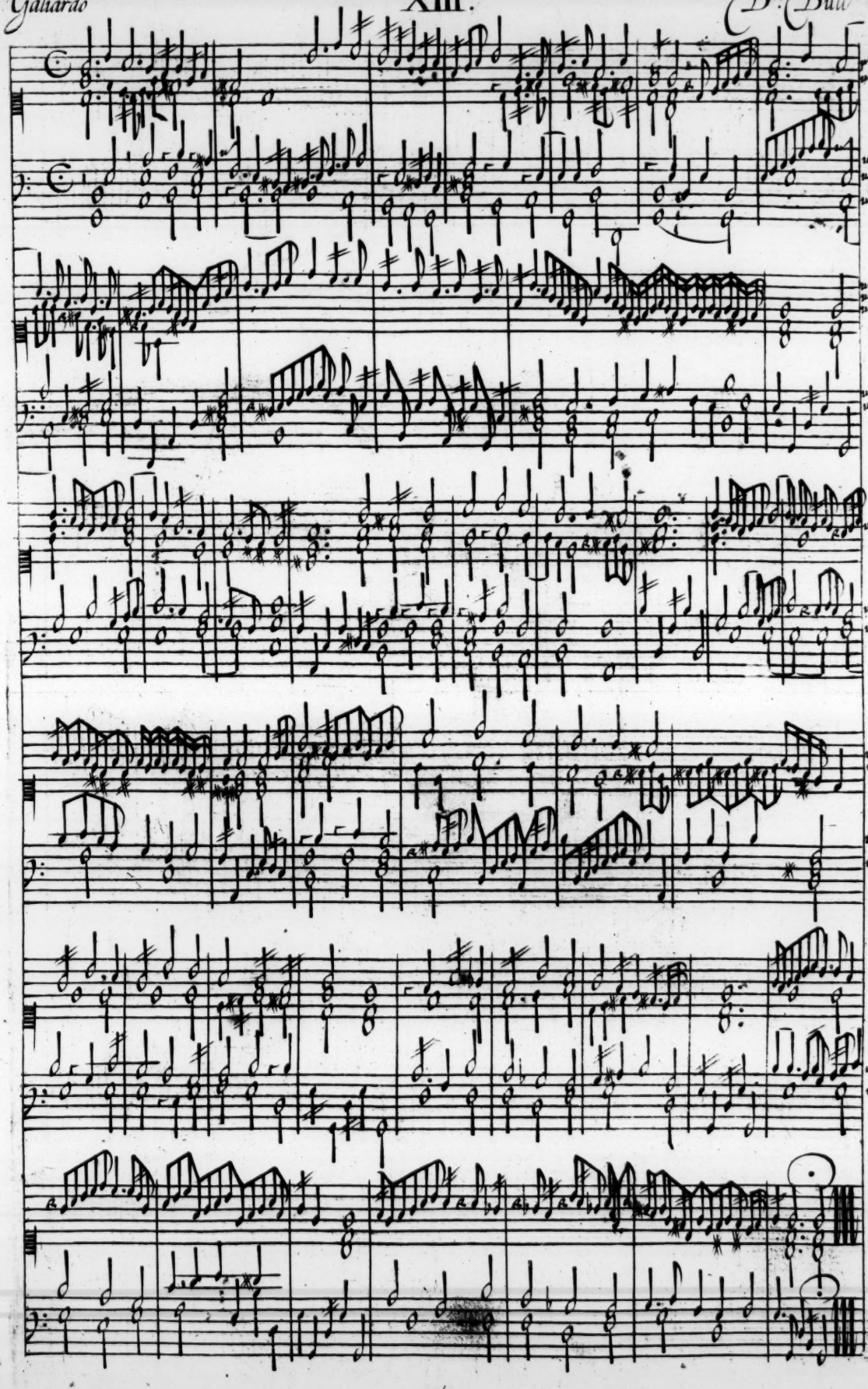

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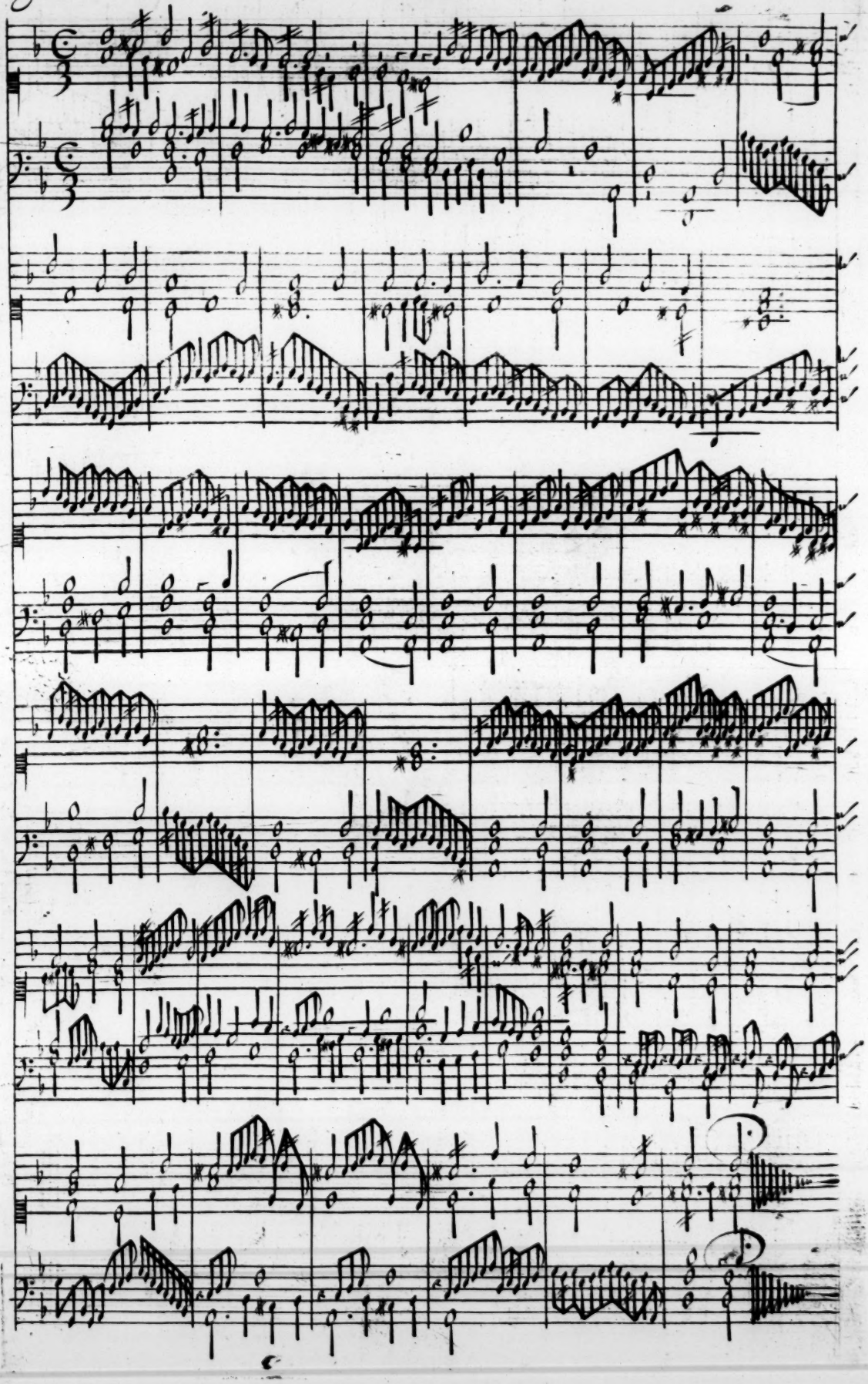

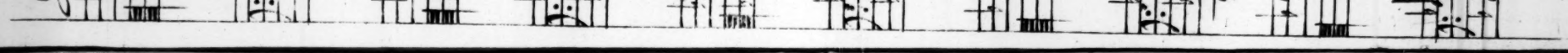

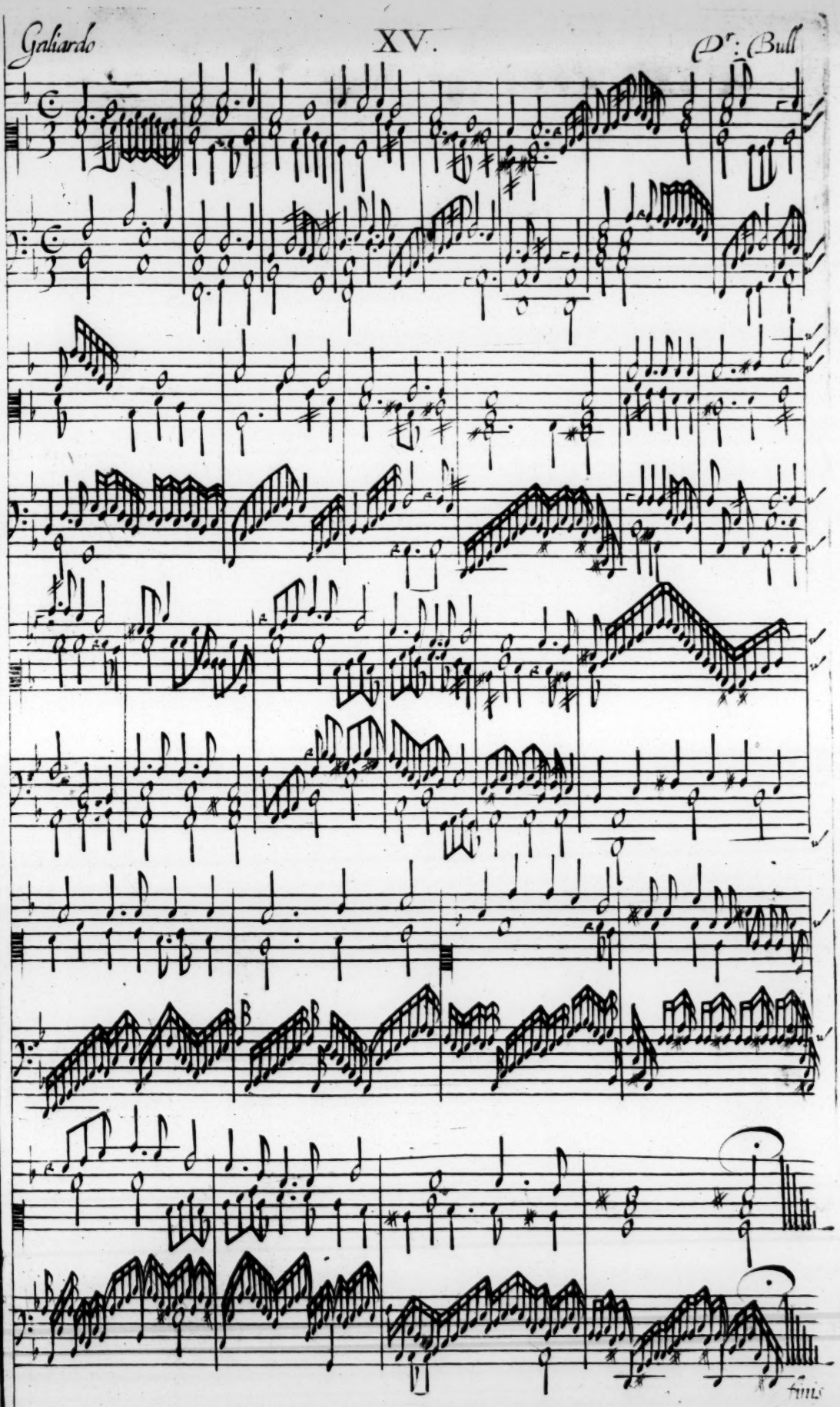
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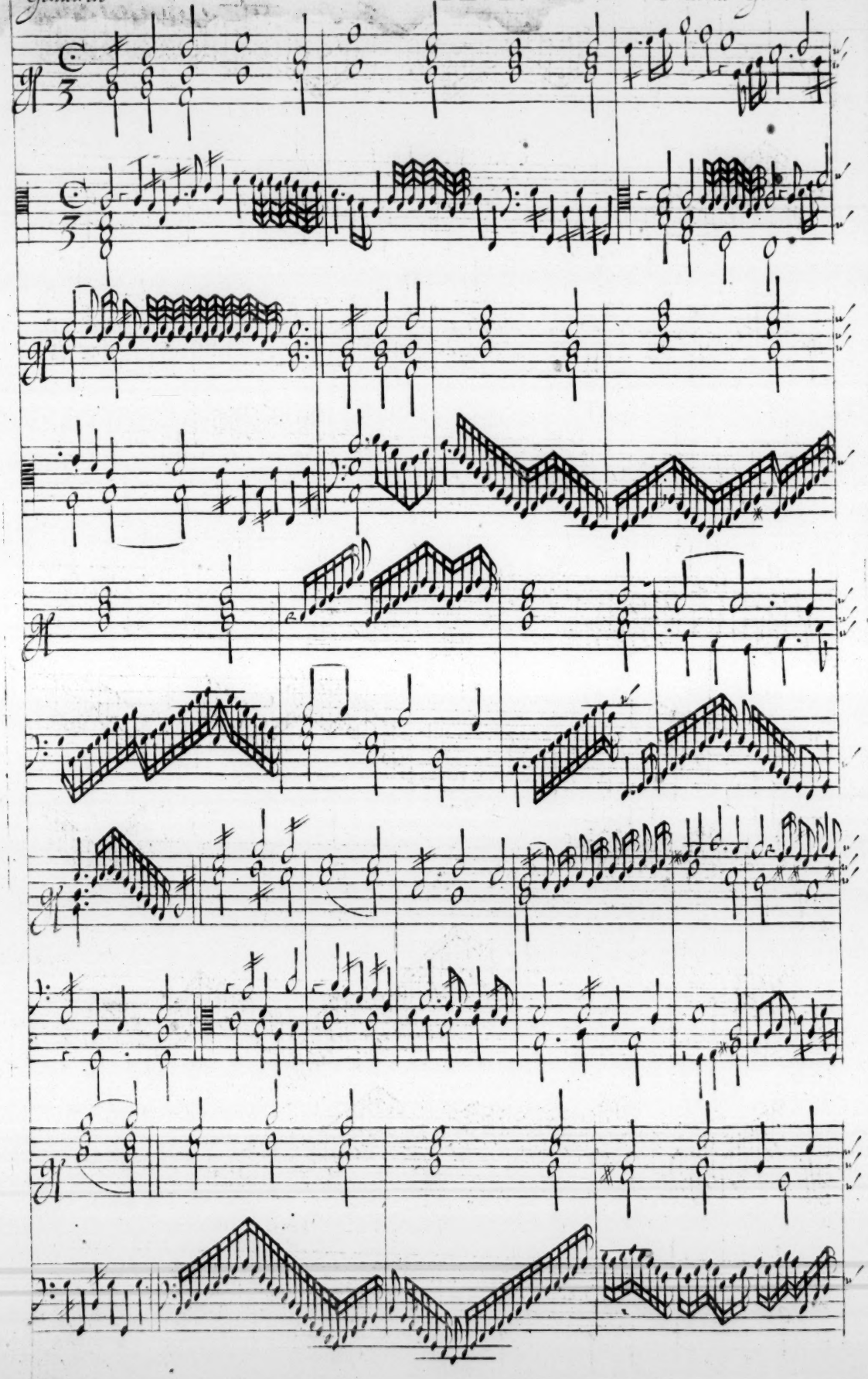

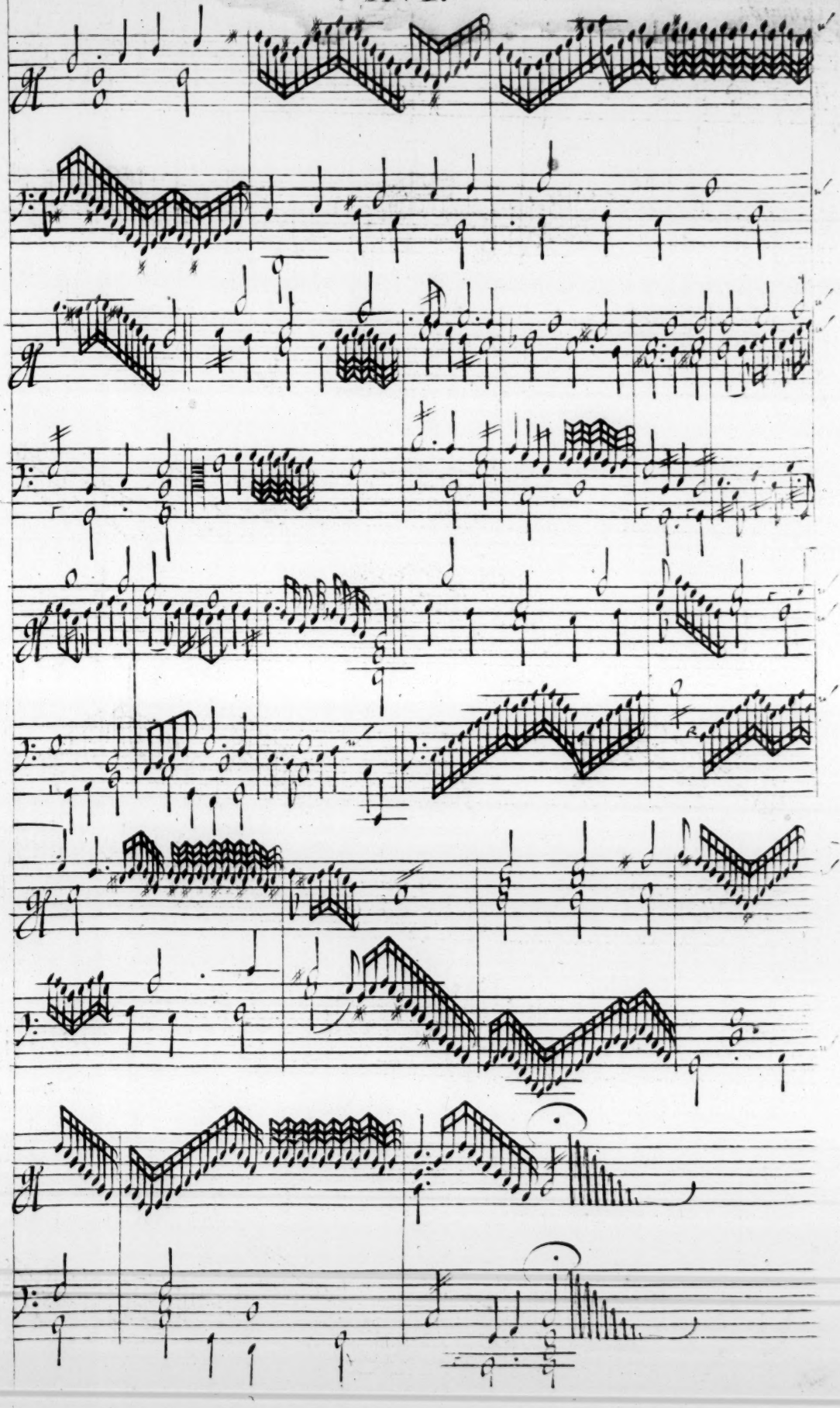

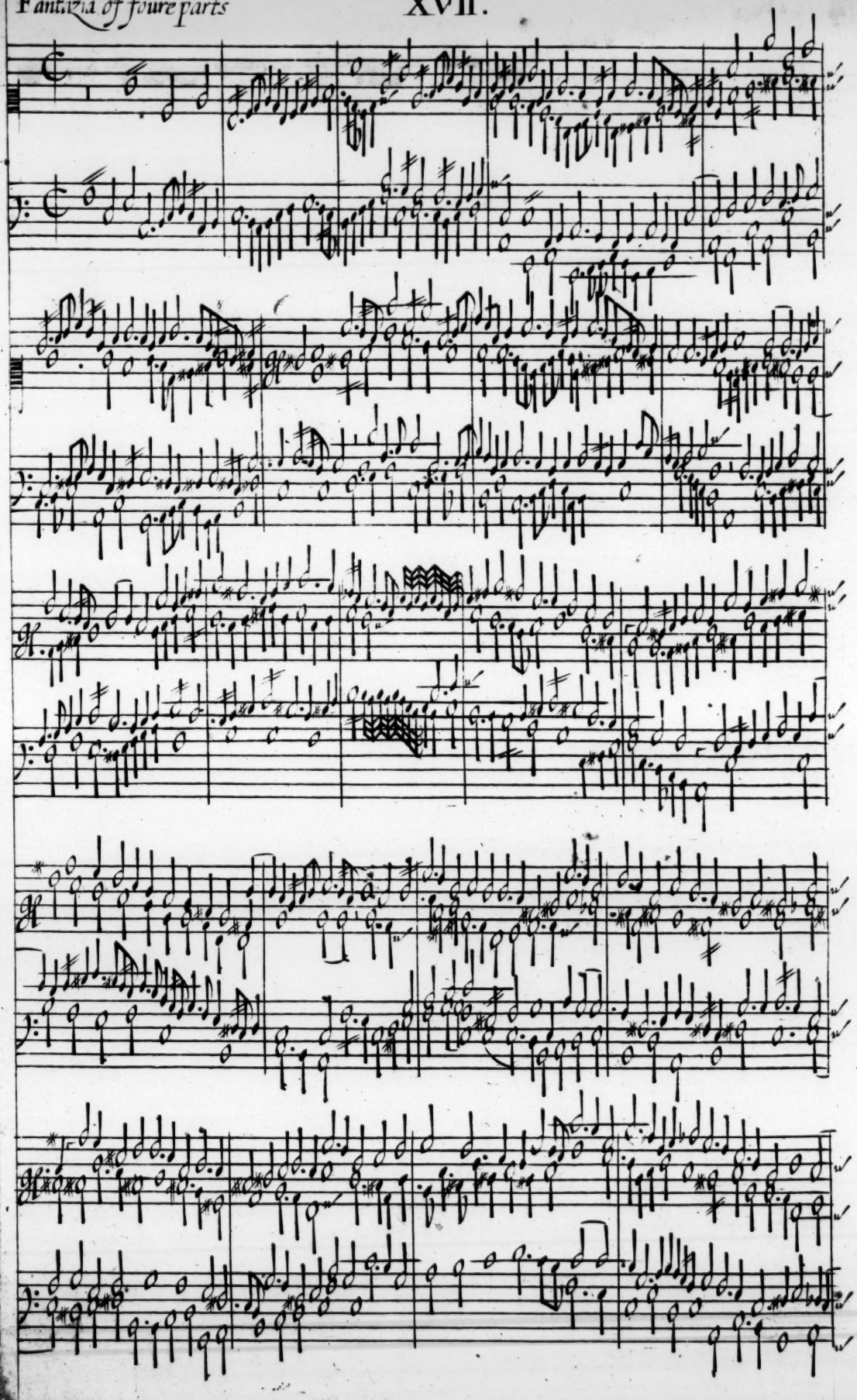

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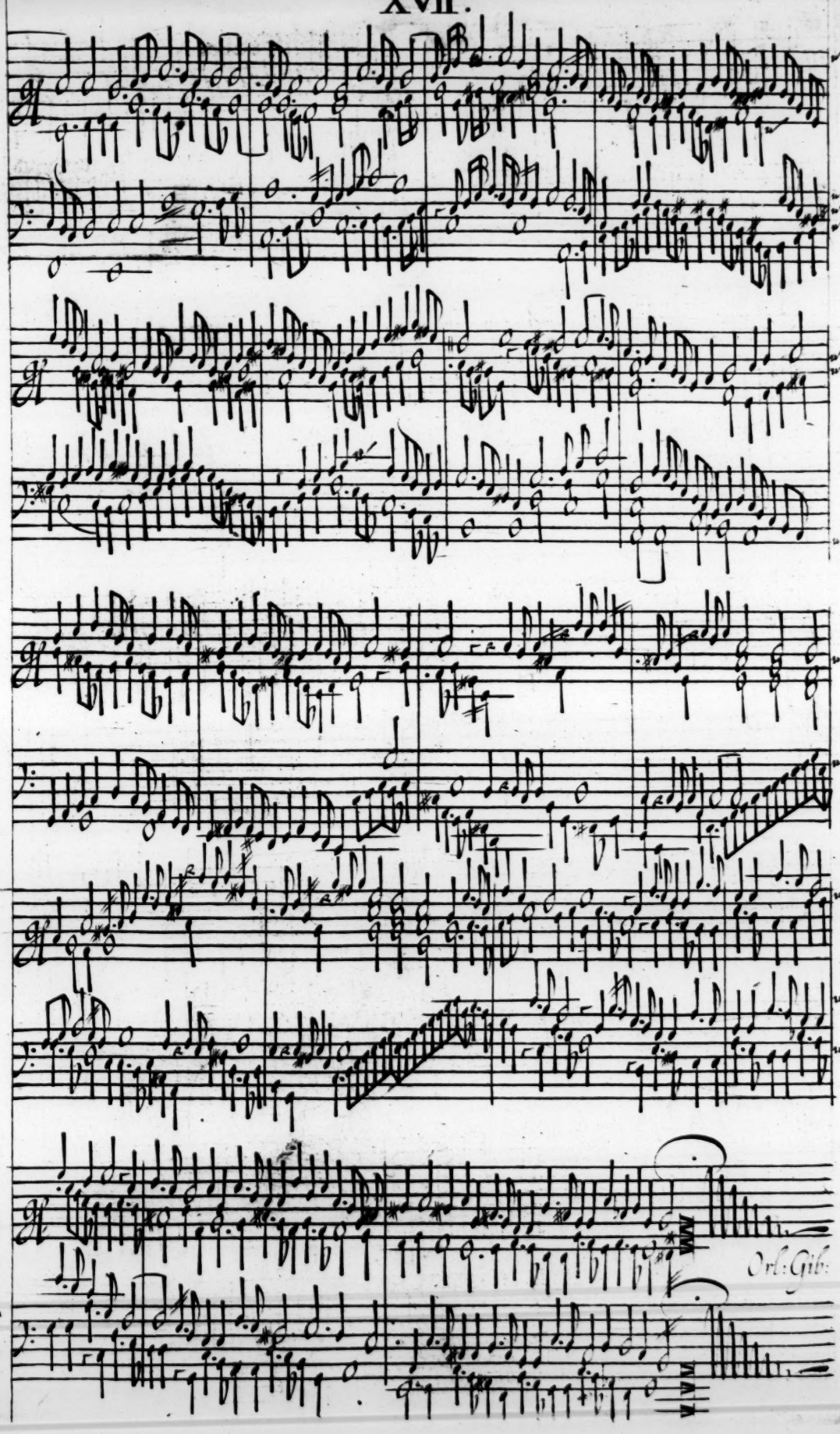

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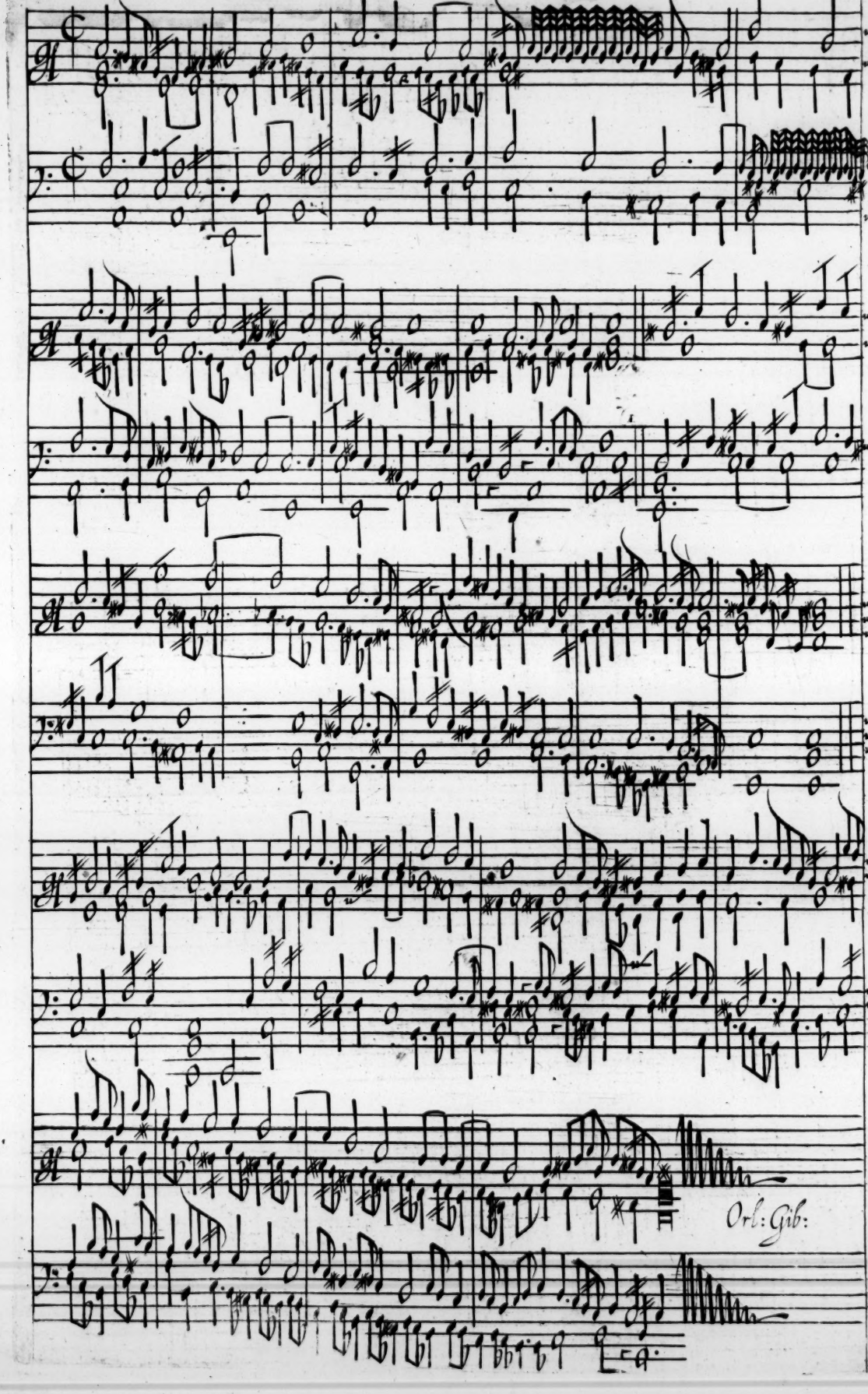

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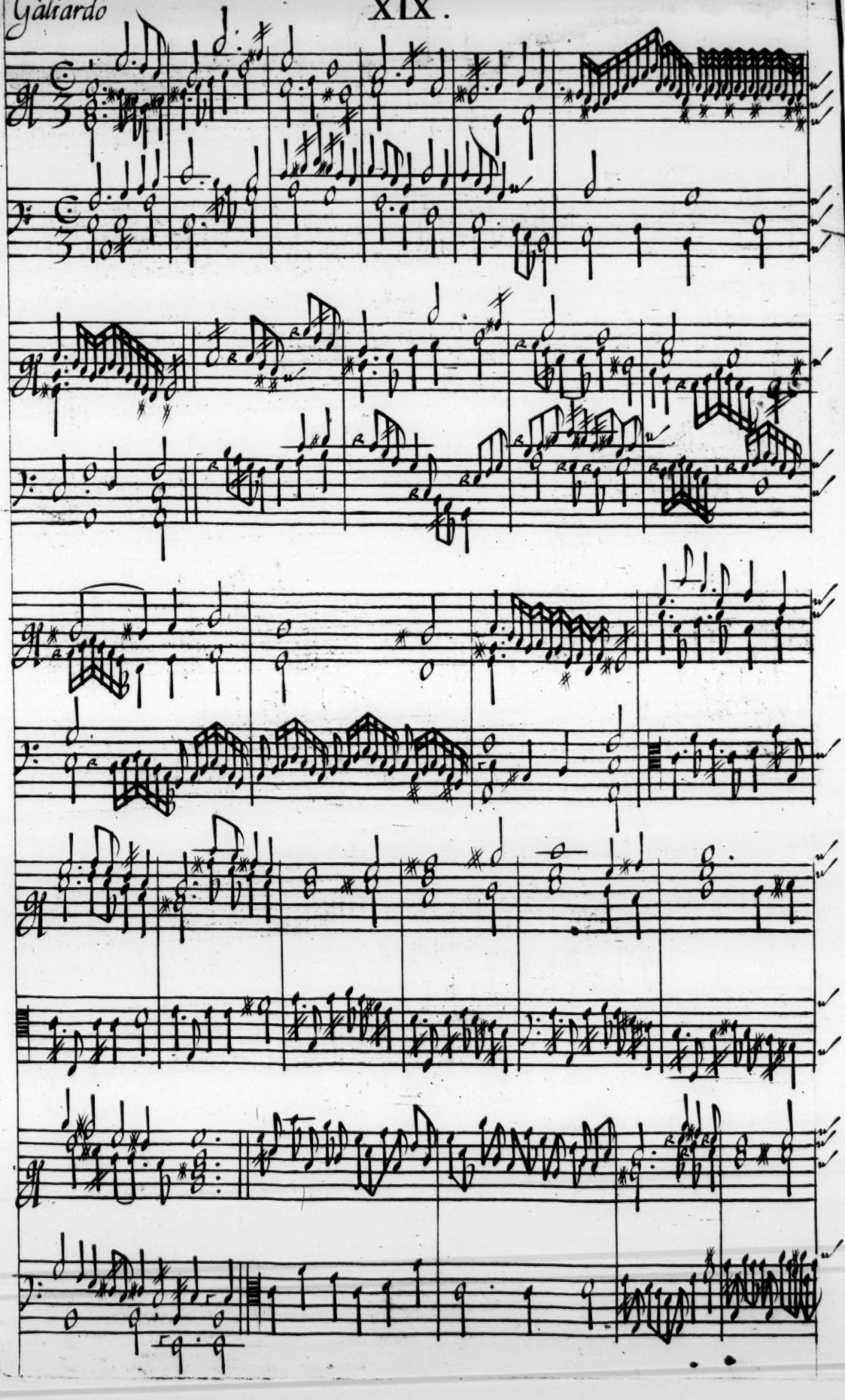

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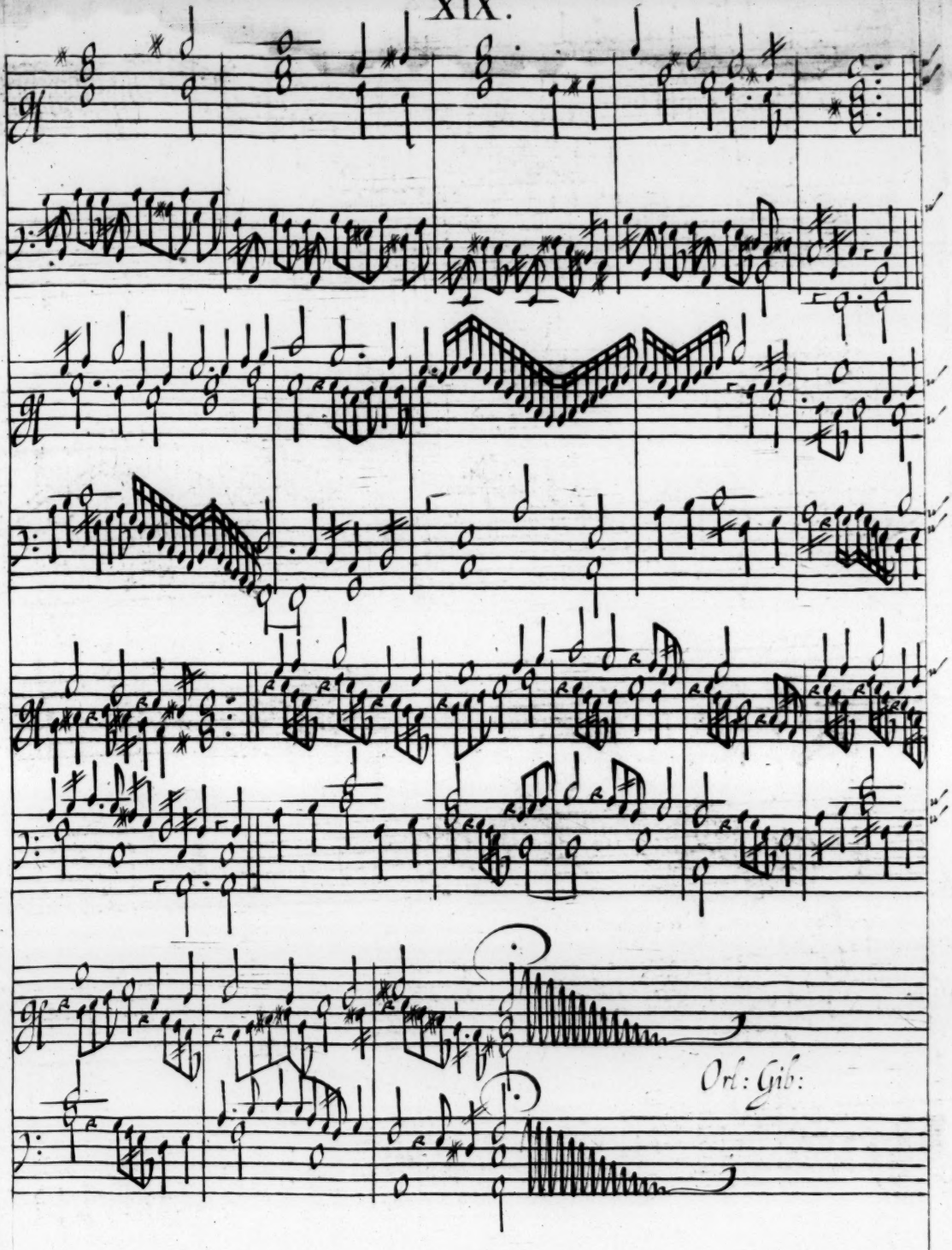

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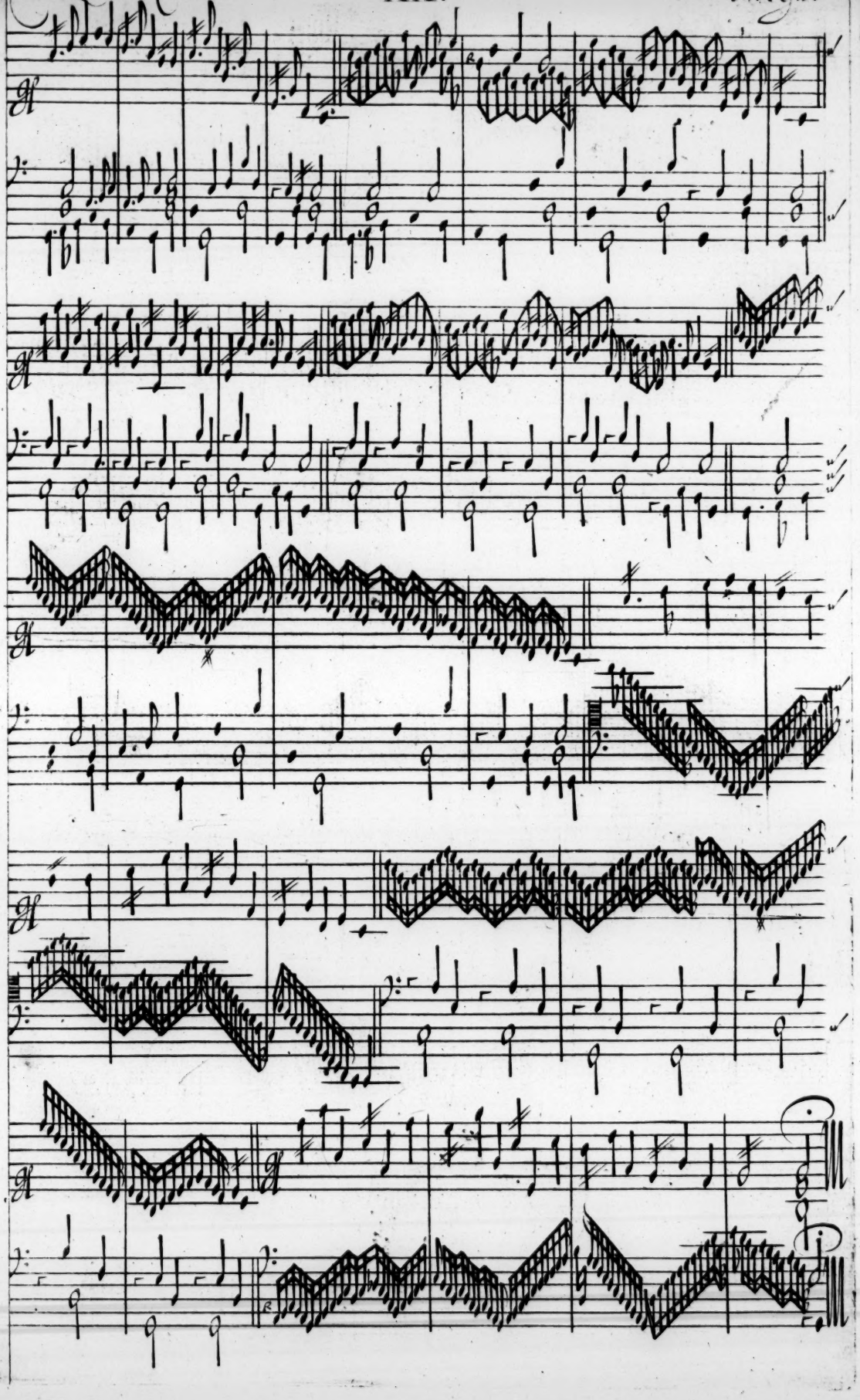
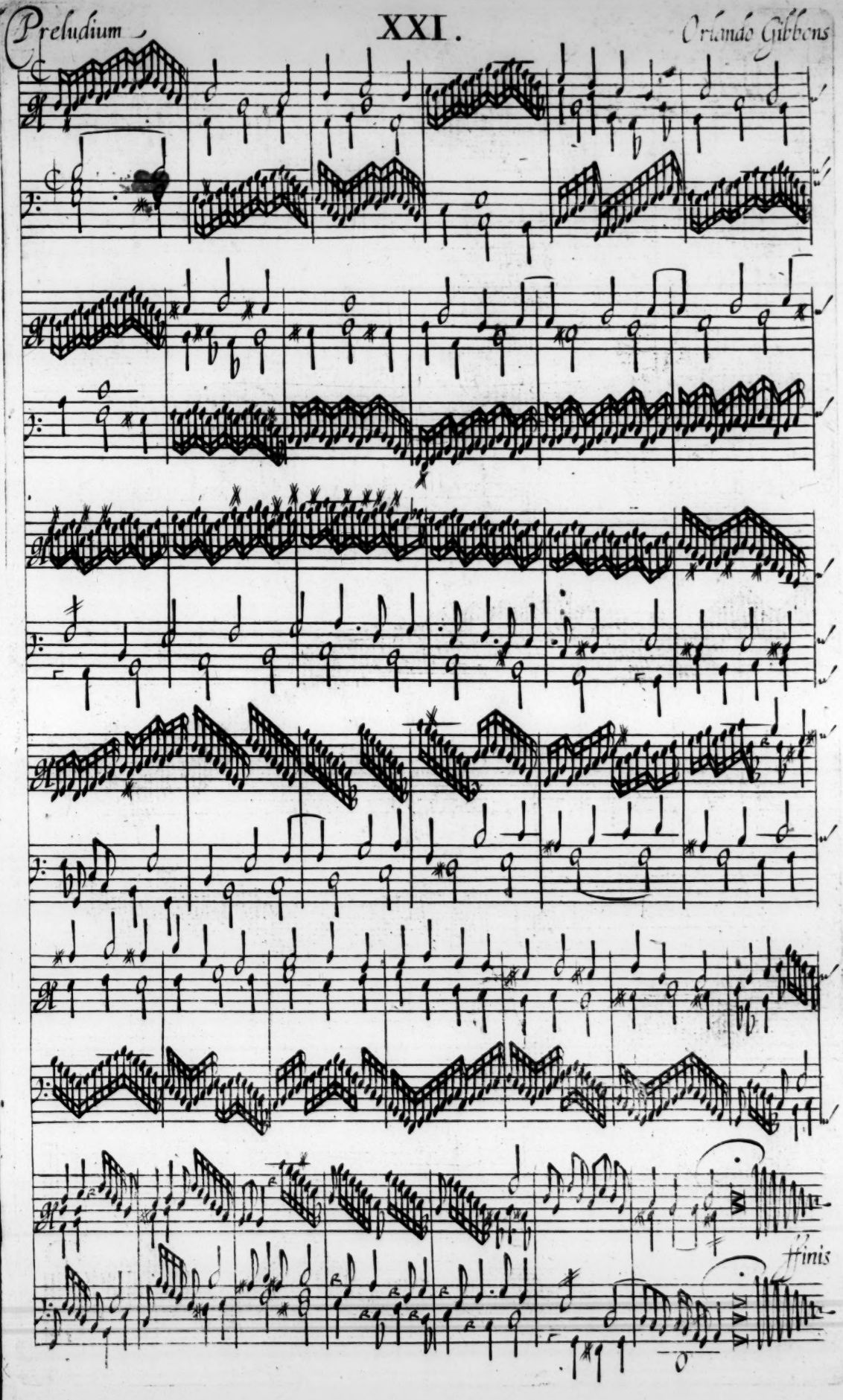
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